

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 656

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A RESOLUTION commending Charles Green for his service as a member of the United States Navy.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, many fine and honorable traditions have arisen from the deep wellspring of honor and bravery possessed by Tennesseans, but there is no finer tradition than that which gave Tennessee its nickname; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the "Volunteer State" have, throughout the years, willingly forsaken the comforts and securities of inaction by taking up arms against the enemies of this great nation, risking their lives and leaving their loved ones behind to honorably safeguard the freedoms and liberties guaranteed to all citizens of these United States and vanquishing those who threaten our way of life; and

WHEREAS, while the heroic deeds of Tennesseans have been extolled throughout the history of our state and nation, thousands of our citizens continue the time-honored tradition of volunteerism through service in the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, the members of the United States Navy selflessly serve with courage and gallantry and deserve to be recognized for heroism in the line of duty and model citizenship in our American society; and

WHEREAS, Charles Green is one such individual who served this country and the United States Navy through two wars, and his valor and dedication are wholly fitting of recognition; and

WHEREAS, after joining the Navy following his graduating from high school, Charles Green, at the young age of seventeen, completed his training in Bainbridge, Maryland, before attending the Navy's radio school in Portland, Maine; and

WHEREAS, during World War II, Mr. Green served aboard the USS *Lindsay* (DM-32), a minelayer, and the USS *Bearss* (DD-654), a destroyer; and

WHEREAS, after entering into inactive reserve status in August of 1946, Charles Green attended Southern Wesleyan University; he married Juanita Hicks on May 13, 1949; and

WHEREAS, it was while he was serving as a member of 278th Regimental Combat Team of the Tennessee National Guard that Charles Green once again answered the call his country put forth; and

WHEREAS, activated on September 1, 1950, Mr. Green reported to Fort Devens, Massachusetts, shipping out to serve in the Korean War effort. Assigned to the 73rd Heavy Tank Battalion of the 7th Infantry Division of the United States Army, Charles Green was attached to the First Republic of Korea Division, serving in the capacity of Platoon Sergeant, a role fulfilled with attention to duty and with honor until being released from military service in June of 1952; and

WHEREAS, following his military service, Charles Green worked for House Hassen Hardware, Modern Supply Company, and McDonald's Restaurants before entering into a much-deserved retirement in 1989; and

WHEREAS, he is perhaps most grateful for the love and support he shares with his wife of sixty years, Juanita, and his children, Teresa Lynn, Mark, Melinda, and Jeanie; he is also the proud patriarch of fourteen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, while no offering can properly relay our gratitude for his bravery in the line of fire and his dedication to preserving the blessed freedom that is inseparable from our American heritage and ideals, it is most appropriate that we should honor Charles Green to the full extent of our ability, as he has made untold and innumerable sacrifices to preserve the liberties we enjoy today and that our progeny will hopefully continue to cherish for generations to come; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we recognize and commend Charles Green for his military service during World War II and the Korean War, applaud his dedication and bravery, and extend our best wishes for his continued success and happiness in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.